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The Guam EPA and Guam Waterworks Authority are receiving \$12.1 million from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The \$3 million federal grant allows Guam EPA to continue their mission to protect human health and the environment.

“This is welcome news because it translates to continued services for our community,” said Guam EPA Administrator Eric Palacios. “It will ensure that ongoing protective efforts will continue. It will also provide us with opportunities to develop new projects that will benefit residents and visitors alike.”

The work done by the agency includes inspections, program implementation to ensure clean beaches and safe drinking water, permit writing, and enforcement.

“EPA’s support enables Guam to advance its environmental goals,” said Jared Blumenfeld, EPA’s Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest.

“Much of this year’s funding will go towards improvements in the wastewater system, benefitting the residents of Guam and their precious island.”

U.S. EPA also awarded \$9.2 million in Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds to GWA for the design and construction of water and wastewater infrastructure. This year’s appropriation will fund repair and replacement of GWA’s wastewater collection system and the construction of wastewater pump stations in Tamuning, Chalan Pago and Talofofo districts, U.S. EPA stated. The projects will help reduce sanitary sewer overflows in these neighborhoods and thereby limit contamination to ground and surface water. Additionally, the funds will be used on the rehabilitation of five drinking water wells currently out of service.